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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	No. 4:19-mj-00023-SAO
	)	
JESSICA JOYCE SPAYD,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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**MOTION FOR DETENTION**

The United States of America respectfully moves for pretrial detention of the defendant in this case. The criminal complaint charges the defendant, an Advanced Nurse Practitioner, with writing prescriptions for dangerous opioid narcotics outside the course of normal medical practice and without a legitimate medical purpose. The complaint alleges that two deaths resulted from the defendant's unlawful prescribing, and



that at least 17 additional deaths are being investigated as potentially linked to defendant's prescribing practices.

The Bail Reform Act of 1984 creates a presumption in favor of detention "...if the judicial officer finds that there is probable cause to believe that the person committed an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act..." 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e). Once the presumption is triggered, failure of the defendant to produce evidence as to either the danger or flight prongs of § 3142 will result in his/her detention. Counts One and Two of the complaint carry a minimum mandatory sentence of twenty years if it is shown that the defendant's conduct resulted in the death of either individual. Therefore, the rebuttable presumptions of danger and flight mandating detention apply in this case. The United States does not allege the defendant is a flight risk. The defendant is a danger to the community and the United States moves for detention on this basis.

The United States has conferred with defense counsel and understands that counsel plans to seek additional time—approximately one week—to prepare a bail proposal in this case. While the United States maintains that detention is appropriate at this time, it has no objection to postponing a full detention hearing to provide the defense with adequate time to prepare a proposal. The United States proposes setting a full detention hearing for Friday, October 18, 2019, and requests that the defendant remain detained in Anchorage Correctional Center pending a final decision from the Court on detention.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of October, 2019, in Fairbanks,  
Alaska.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the  
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on all counsel of record  
via the CM/ECF system:

/s/ Ryan Tansey  
Office of the U.S. Attorney